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L.D. 1932

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “*D*” to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘PART A’

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

‘PART B

Sec. B-1. Maximum disparity between mill rates. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no municipality may pay as part of its local allocation more than twice the mill rate of any other municipality within that same school administrative unit.

1. If, after the essential programs and services total local allocation has been determined by the Department of Education, a municipality is determined to have to pay as part of its local allocation more than twice the mill rate of any municipality within that same school administrative unit, the department shall increase the lower mill rate and decrease the higher mill rate until the disparity falls within the maximum 2:1 ratio.

2. A municipality within a school administrative unit is entitled to a transition adjustment determined by the Department of Education if the municipality has, by operation of subsection 1, an adverse fiscal impact resulting in:

- A. A mill rate increase for local allocation at or in excess of 0.5 mills; and
- B. A resulting local contribution increase greater than 5%.

No later than January 31, 2009, the Commissioner of Education shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs proposed legislation necessary to implement this Part. Following receipt and review of the proposed legislation, the joint standing committee may submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.’

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment requires that a municipality may not pay as part of its local
5 allocation more than twice the mill rate of any other municipality within that same school
6 administrative unit and allows a transition adjustment for a municipality adversely
7 affected to be determined by the Department of Education. The amendment also directs
8 the Commissioner of Education to submit to the joint standing committee of the
9 Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs proposed legislation
10 necessary to implement this requirement.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 (See attached)

13 SPONSORED BY: Christopher W. Babbidge
14 (Representative BABBIDGE)
15 TOWN: Kennebunk



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LD 1932

LR 3324(33)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "D"

Sponsor: Rep. Babbidge of Kennebunk

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No State fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment has no fiscal impact to the state. It provides that no municipality may pay as part of its local allocation more than twice the mill rate of any other municipality within that same school administrative unit. This amendment also provides for a transition adjustment for those municipalities that may be adversely impacted by this provision.

As amended, this bill will reduce the local contribution for funding K-12 public education for certain municipalities within a school administrative unit and increase the local contribution for certain municipalities within the same school administrative unit. The amount can not be determined at this time.